

HEALTH STATUS

highlights for 2002 to 2003

FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003



Epidemiology and Evaluation

The study of disease and the impact of chronic disease on our population is a core function at the Health Department.

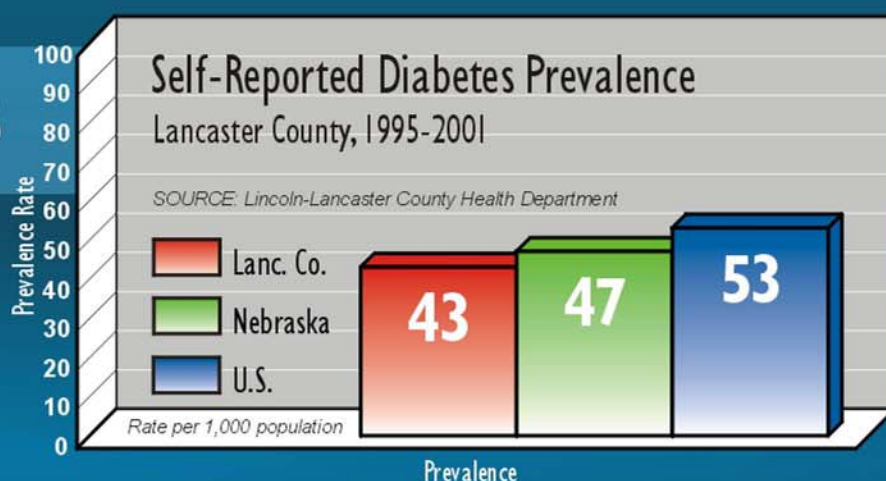
The Board of Health, Department staff, and over 200 community stakeholders identified 17 goals as part of the Department's long-range plan.

A priority goal for 2004 was to "Diminish Chronic Disease Complications by Increasing Access to Care and Early Intervention".

diabetes

One of the Healthy People 2010 objectives for Lancaster County is to improve the quality of life by reducing premature death, disability, and the economic costs associated with chronic diseases such as diabetes. Between 1995-2001, an estimated 45 out of every 1,000 adults, 18 years and older, had diabetes in Lancaster County.

Between 1997-2002, the total cost of diabetes-related hospitalizations exceeded \$211 million, with an average cost of \$15,082 per hospital stay. The average cost per hospital stay due to other non-diabetes related hospitalization was \$9,966.



cancer

In Lancaster County, nearly 20%-25% of all deaths are linked to cancer every year. In recent years (1999, 2001), however, deaths due to cancer have surprisingly surpassed deaths due to heart diseases - the leading causes of deaths in the Nation and the State.

Source: Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

*Incidence Rate per 100,000 male population
**Incidence Rate per 100,000 female population

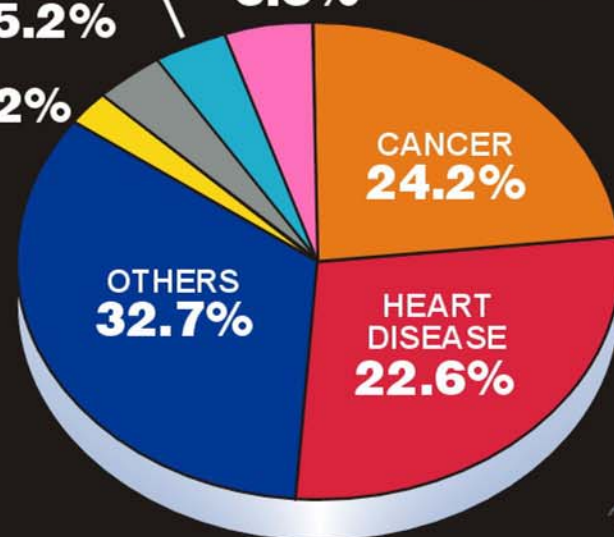
Five Leading Cancer Incidences by Gender Lancaster County 2001

RANK	MALE	FEMALE
1	Prostate Cancer (113*)	Breast Cancer (142**)
2	Lung Cancer (50)	Lung Cancer (47)
3	Colorectal Cancer (40)	Colorectal Cancer (53)
4	Leukemia (18)	Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus (26)
5	Skin Cancer (18)	Malignant Neoplasm of Ovary (15)

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

Lancaster County - 2002

CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE 5.6%
ACCIDENTAL DEATHS 5.2%
DIABETES 3.2%
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE 6.5%



2002 VITAL STATISTICS

Lancaster County
Estimated Population: 257,468

	NUMBER	BIRTH RATE / DEATH RATE
BIRTHS	3,821	14.8 per 1,000 pop.
DEATHS	1,742	6.5 per 1,000 pop.

COMMUNITY HEALTH INDICATORS:

Low Birth Weight Rate: 53.6 per 1,000 live births
Infant Mortality Rate: 7.1 per 1,000 live births
Teen Pregnancy Rate: 84.3 per 1,000 live births